

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in Virginia coastal waters.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

May 21, 2010 to June 18, 2010

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing a proposed federal action to determine if it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

DOC/NOAA/National Marine Fisheries Service

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) proposes Addendum IV of Amendment 4 to the Interstate Fisheries Management Plan (FMP) for weakfish. Weakfish are managed by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission through member states, NMFS and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The objectives of the FMP include the conservation of weakfish resources in federal and state waters of the Atlantic Ocean. Addendum IV proposes: (1) a 100-bound commercial possession limit; and (2) a 10-fish recreational possession limit. NMFS has submitted a Federal Consistency Determination that finds the proposed action consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (previously called the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program).

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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